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“The Best Way to Find Yourself is to Lose Yourself in the Service to Others.”

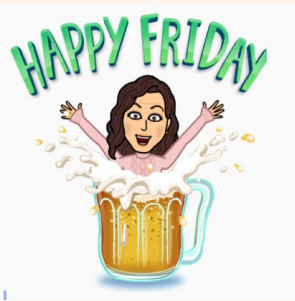
-Mahatma Gandhi

## What’s on the Horizon...

- ✦ October 9—Ian Munsick
- ✦ October 15—Membership Drive
- ✦ October 18—Dress a Child; Heights WalMart
- ✦ October 18—NILE Rodeo
- ✦ October 31—Zach Top
- ✦ November 1—Halloween Pub Crawl



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## Welcome / Introductions / Announcements:

Guests today included Terri Todd with Gratitude in Action (GIA) and Terry Moore who was checking out the club for the second time and is or has submitted an application to join.

Dress a Child is 10/18 @ the Heights WalMart. Don’t forget to fill out the mandatory release and return it to Ed.

Membership Committee is having a Membership Drive on 10/18; location to be determined. Bring a friend or two that would be interested in joining the club. It’s fun to come and socialize, but the main point is to bring new people to meet members and find out more about the club.

Shawnee invited Charlie Loveridge to come and tell everyone a bit about himself as he is a new member. He didn’t disclose anything other than that he is friends with Cavin and Bruce J. So now you all know to keep an eye on him if he’s friends with a couple of trouble makers!

Shawnee gauged interest in the club doing a tree for Festival of Trees this year. There seemed to be very LITTLE interest. It might be worn out after several years.

Fundraising Committee is postponing the November cornhole tournament fundraiser due to another tournament that same weekend. However, they did come up with an alternative that I think sounds pretty fun. They will be having a pancake feed the

morning of the Cats/Griz game (11/22) at the American Legion followed by a day of tailgating. Parking spot/s will be sold to those wanting to set up their tailgate event. If you are not planning on getting on the road to Missoula for the game, please plan on coming to feast on pancakes or help flip pancakes and make sure you buy your parking spot/s before they sell out! There may also be a request coming your way for additional blacktops/griddles.

(Great things come about when great minds come together, but those great things don’t continue on if they are not supported!!)

October events are on the website for you to mark your availability.

Shawnee gave a list of concerts that took place in the 70’s which our club poured beer for. The list was fairly extensive and there were many good ones.

Aerosmith was number one for number of tickets sold at 10,255 tickets sold.

Lawrence Welk was number two; less than 100 tickets behind Aerosmith.

I think Bob figured out how to rig the ticket draw for the pot of cash at the end of meetings seeing as his ticket was drawn again today for about the 5,000th time!

And...  
What’s a tree’s favorite song in autumn?!

“Don’t Stop Be-Leafin.”

## Program: Gratitude in Action (GIA)

GIA is a non-profit started in 2018. They have several sober living homes. The first and main one is in Chrysalis Acres. They have been there ten years without any problems. Those coming out of addiction issues learn how to take care of themselves, pay their own way and structure.

They have a thrift shop at 10 S. 30th that takes donations of clothing, furniture and general household goods/décor to sell.

They have a Suit Up Program for men who need a suit for a job interview, court appearance, etc.

They also have a Ready to Rent Program for those who do not have a rental history or a bad rental history. A six week course is required. During that time, they are required to pay old debts such as past landlords and the utility companies. The rental agreement is between GIA and the landlord for the first year. GIA goes to the rentals weekly to inspect the first three months and then monthly after that.

A part of the program is also about teaching housekeeping skills.

They advocate for the sober living community with the expectation of change.

Terri did also touch on the State Hospital having purchased land in Billings. They are looking to potentially build a Forensic Unit.

Forensic Unit is where the police take those waiting to stand trial for whatever they were arrested for in order to be deemed able to stand trial or be declared unable to stand trial due to mental illness. There would not be a threat to the community as the person under arrest is taken to the Forensic Unit in a police car and leaves in a police car.

At this time, when someone under arrest needs to be seen at the Forensic Unit, an officer has to escort that individual to and from the state hospital in Warm Springs.

She also discussed the Colonial apartments and the help the residents there have gotten to find a new place to live. She has been in the building and is confident it’s the scariest place she’s been in. There are hopes of Riverstone being able to purchase the lot and demolish the building to expand their campus.

Terri also let everyone know about a few fundraising events.

The Scarity Haunted House put on by Sean O’Daniel at the Depot the weekends of October 23—25 and October 30—November 1. Proceeds go back to local charities.

GIA has the Holiday Affair in early November to raise money for their programs.

Other than that...  
Have a marvelous weekend.

Go check out the Barnyard Bash this weekend that Lanny told everyone about last Friday!